

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permit for Marine Mammals

On January 29, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 19, Page 4464, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Robert C. Senter, Sr., for a permit (PRT 838243) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Viscount Melville population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On December 19, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 244, Page 66660, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Jack R. Cook for a permit (PRT 837437) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Lancaster Sound population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On January 15, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 10, Page 2407, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Thomas H. Cochran for a permit (PRT 838178) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy, taken prior to April 30, 1994, from the Gulf of Boothia population, Northwest Territories, Canada, for personal use.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On September 11, 1997, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 176, Page 47825, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by Bruce Schoeneweis for a permit (PRT-833661)

to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the M'Clintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

On January 6, 1998, a notice was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 3, Page 571, that an application had been filed with the Fish and Wildlife Service by David Dybvig for a permit (PRT-837757) to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) trophy taken from the M'Clintock Channel population, Northwest Territories, Canada.

Notice is hereby given that on March 3, 1998, as authorized by the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, *as amended* (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) the Fish and Wildlife Service authorized the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Documents and other information submitted for these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203. Phone (703) 358-2104 or Fax (703) 358-2281.

Dated: April 3, 1998.

Kristen Nelson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Comment on the Proposal To Develop the "Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways" as a Federal Geographic Data Committee Standard

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is soliciting public comments on the proposal to develop a "Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways." If the proposal is approved, the standard will be developed following the FGDC standards development and approval process. If the standard is adopted by the FGDC, it must be followed by all Federal agencies gathering and using

hydrographic data for the purpose of navigation and engineering applications directly or indirectly (through grants, partnerships, or contracts).

In its assigned Federal leadership in the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that FGDC standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review the proposal and comment on the objectives, scope, approach, and usability of the proposed standard; identify existing related standards; and indicate their interest in participating in the development of the standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 1, 1998.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: The complete proposal is included in this notice. It is also posted at Internet address: <http://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Proposals/hydrocont.html>.

Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-hydrocont@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 x 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete proposal for the "Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways."

Project Title: Development of an NSDI Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Coastal and Inland Waterways.

Point of Contact: Kevin Backe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 703-428-6505, email: kevin.backe@usace.army.mil.

Submitting Organization: FGDC Bathymetric Subcommittee.

Objectives: To develop a nationally focused Hydrographic Data Content Standard for Inland Waterways (hereafter called Hydrographic Standard) from the combination of information from existing standards (specified in the related standards paragraph).

Scope: This activity will first focus on developing a nationally focused standard for geospatial data pertaining to coastal and inland waterways that supports navigation applications. It will include an informative annex that